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Hello neighbors!

First, I'd like to express my appreciation to our *Uplander* editor of the past year and a half, **Tamara Black-Waite!** She's done a great job designing and printing it for us, and we're very thankful for her efforts. Tamara recently informed me she wouldn't be able to do this anymore due to changes in her schedule. If you're interested in taking over this important volunteer position, please let me know at summers1202@sbcglobal.net.

I'd also like to thank all those who came out last month to do neighborhood cleanup! If you missed it, there's another opportunity to join in this month. **Saturday, June 16, at 9 a.m., we'll once again be meeting at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace to do another round of cleaning the weeds from the curbs in the neighborhood.** Bring your own shovel—buckets will be provided. These efforts are led by our own 2nd Vice President and City Litter Czar Steve Tyler—thanks, Steve!

September probably feels a long way off, but it will be here before we know it. So, the time to get started **planning our picnic** is now! It's a lot of fun working with friends and neighbors on a tradition the whole neighborhood can enjoy. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, you may be surprised to discover the Uplands has been having these picnics for over 100 years! If you'd like to help, we'd love to have you come to the meeting this month and help us plan.

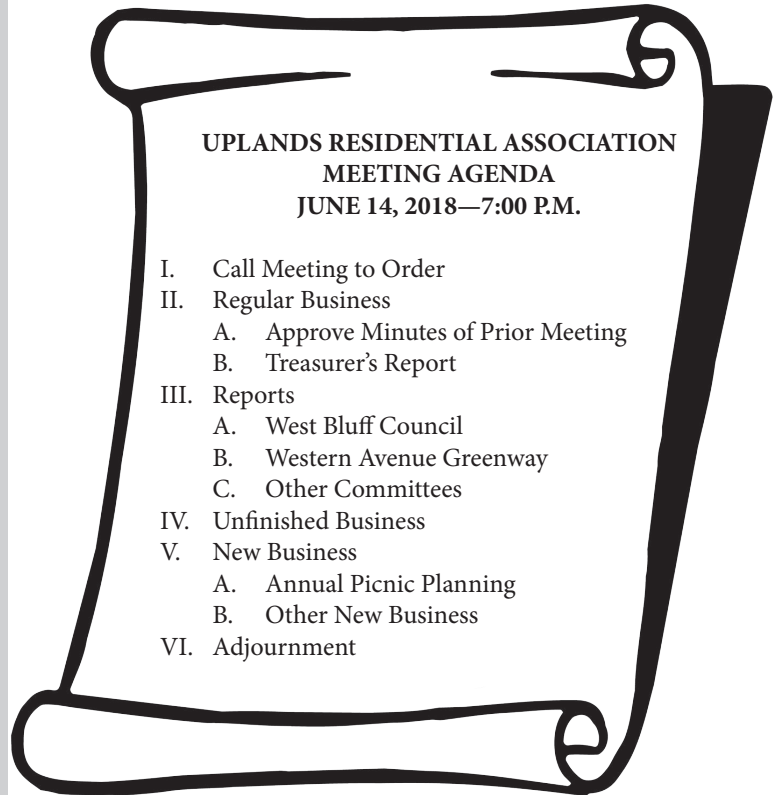
You may recall that we've started looking into what we can do proactively to protect our neighborhood from any future threats. We've had a couple representatives from the City talk to us about form-based codes and neighborhood overlay districts. We'd like to keep that discussion going and hopefully move forward with a plan later this year. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please share them with us so we can come up with the best plan for everyone in the neighborhood.

As you'll see from the minutes from last meeting, we have 61 paid members this year so far. That's about 15% or so of the households in the Uplands. We'd like to see more households join the URA. If you're a current dues-paying member, ask your neighbors if they're members, and encourage them to join! If you're not a dues-paying member, you can join today—it's easy! There's a registration form on the back of this newsletter that you can cut out and send in with your check. Or, you can give through PayPal—just follow the instructions on the back of this page. Your contributions help pay for the *Uplander* and Uplands Directory to be published, the annual picnic, beautification projects, and more!

Our next Uplands Residential Association meeting is Thursday, June 14, in the basement of the Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church at the corner of Elmwood and Columbia Terrace. Use the Elmwood entrance and join us at 7 p.m. We will not meet in July.

See you at the meeting!

Sincerely,
C. J. Summers



UPLANDS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION
MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 14, 2018—7:00 P.M.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Regular Business
 - A. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report
- III. Reports
 - A. West Bluff Council
 - B. Western Avenue Greenway
 - C. Other Committees
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
 - A. Annual Picnic Planning
 - B. Other New Business
- VI. Adjournment

URA Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order (approximately 7pm).

Snow Removal Recap — Blunier

Blunier reported that the snow removal went well from their perspective. Blunier reported that there was 32 inches of total snowfall in Peoria (the average is 26-28 inches). Discussion was held about difficulties, including communication with the city plows regarding the second plow pass. All agreed that no major changes were needed for next year, but discussed ways to improve for the 2018-19 season. More emphasis will be put on fundraising and getting more neighbors involved, since a larger fund would mean better, more comprehensive service. URA requested a 2018-19 estimate in July, and URA will follow up with city in July to revise the plan.

Election

No new candidates, all current positions are re-elected by default.

Treasurer's Report

Deposits

<i>Membership Dues x 4</i>	\$80
<i>Beautification Fund</i>	\$40
<i>Snow Removal Fund</i>	\$0

Debits

<i>Uplander printing</i>	\$105
<i>PayPal fees</i>	\$0
<i>Snow Removal</i>	\$0

<i>Available Balance</i>	\$4,670.14
<i>Beautification Fund Balance</i>	\$1,555.59
<i>Snow Removal</i>	\$0

Total Paid Members 61

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Directory Update — Burgit reported that the directory is nearly complete, and we just need ads to assist the funding. If any neighbors have a small business or would like to advertise, please contact Burgit.

West Bluff Council — Looking for nominees for two awards - Pillar of the West Bluff/ Community Action award. Seeking individuals “doing beyond things in support of the West Bluff...” Nominations needed by May 31st - contact Dan Pelfry (danpelfry@hotmail.com)

Greenway — Greenway was mowed today. A pollinator was put in. If anyone is interested in introducing a beehive, please contact a URA Board member.

Block Party Permit — The Gilberts will circulate the petition permit.

Unfinished Business

Overlay vs Form based district — No new updates or information. Research will continue.

New Business

2018 Parking permits are in at the Treasurer’s Office at City Hall for \$10/each, including visitor hangers. If any area would like to add permitted parking to their section of the street, there is an easy petition process.

Adjourned @ 8:04pm.

Neighborhood Safety Reminders for Summer

by Amy Dotson, Public Information Officer, Peoria Police Dept.

The Peoria Police Department would like to remind the community of some tips that can aid in the prevention of being a victim of residential / vehicle burglary.

Prevention Tips:

- LOCK your vehicle, residence, garage, etc.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view.
- Keep exterior and some interior lights on, when home or away. Give the perception someone is home. If out of town, consider a timer for your lights.
- Report suspicious behaviors, people, and/or vehicles.
- Look out for your neighbors—if you see something suspicious around their home, call 9-1-1.
- Do not let mail/newspapers pile up; arrange to have it held or picked-up.
- Keep landscaping (trees and shrubbery) trimmed around your home. Do not give burglars a place to hide.

What to do if you see a suspicious person or activity:

- Call 9-1-1. Report what you see. Describe the subject. What is he/she wearing? Are they on foot? Is there a vehicle involved? Can you tell the color, make, model, and license plate number? Where do you see them? Any information you can give the dispatcher will be helpful to the responding officer.

Uplands Residential Association Officers:

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Wanted: Uplander Editor

Do you enjoy creating newsletters? Would you like to take care of laying out and printing *The Uplander*? We are in need of someone to take over this important position! Material would be supplied to you each month to include in the newsletter. You would lay it out, create a PDF, and then send it off to be printed (the printer bills the URA directly). Once you receive the printed newsletters, you deliver them to another volunteer who coordinates distribution. There are usually about ten issues per year, one for every month we have a meeting. Contact C. J. Summers at summers1202@sbcglobal.net for more information.



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Uplands Residential Association Dues

The URA dues are \$20.00 per year. Please make checks payable to “The Uplands Residential Association.” If you are interested in donating extra money to our beautification fund, please indicate this on the registration form. You may include the additional amount on the same check as your dues.

Your URA dues can now be paid online! We have set up a Paypal account for your convenience. To do so, please visit [Paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com), click Send, enter the URA email address (TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com) and the amount, click “Continue,” and follow additional prompts. Your dues will be deposited directly into the URA’s Checking Account.

The Uplands Residential Association is on Facebook and Yahoo Groups! You can also email us at TheUplandsPeoria@gmail.com. If you have information for The Uplander, please contact C. J. Summers at summers1202@sbcglobal.net. If you are new to the Uplands or know someone who is, contact Kirk Sheckler at 369-1372.

URA Membership Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

YES! I/WE will pay our \$20 association dues, and contribute an additional \$ _____ for beautification.

Send completed form with payment to URA Treasurer
Dustin Draggist, P.O. Box 6532, Peoria, IL 61601-6532.